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**CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT TO STOP READING, PA MAN FROM
POSTING DEADLY THREATS ON WEB PAGE**

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Pat Meehan, today, announced a civil action against John Dunkle, of Reading, PA, to prevent him from posting threats against reproductive health clinic physicians and staff on an Internet Web page. It is alleged that Dunkle's anti-abortion activities include targeting clinic physicians and staff who provide services to women in the Philadelphia, Allentown, Reading and West Chester, Pennsylvania areas. The Government alleges the postings are in violation of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act ("FACE").

"This type of intimidation and scare tactic, regardless of one's beliefs or religious convictions, simply cannot be condoned," Meehan said. "Using a public forum, such as the Internet, to incite and instruct people to kill is tantamount to a form of domestic terrorism."

It is alleged in the complaint that Dunkle explicitly encouraged his readers to kill a specific clinic physician by shooting her in the head. He also published the person's name, photo and home address on his Web page and Web blog. The publication states, in part, "While it does not sound good to say go shoot her between the eyes, it sounds even worse to say let her alone." It is alleged Dunkle published instructions regarding the specific means to kill the targeted individual, as well as how to escape detection upon the commission of her murder.

The U.S. Attorney is seeking a federal court order to force Dunkle to remove these threats from the Web page and to prohibit Dunkle from publishing any equivalent messages containing the names, addresses or photographs of reproductive health clinic physicians, staff or patients with the intent to threaten physical harm in violation of "FACE".

Information regarding the violation came to the attention of the United States Attorney's Office from the Women's Law Project.

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
John Dunkle	Reading, PA	

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